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APPARATUS

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IDS

The following publications are recited in the related art section of the specification:

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2002-162918

ID information received from a radio tag is used to acquire desired information via the Internet.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 8-161653

A radio tag transmitter transmits ID information, including a pre-sync signal, to a receiver a plurality of times. The receiver synchronizes the pre-sync signals received a plurality of times to acquire ID information sent from the transmitter.

The receiver receives the signal a plurality of times for synchronization, and does not determine that the ID signal received a plurality of times is the ID of the transmitter.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 8-335238 and U.S. Patent No. 5,214,410

A transmitter itself includes a transponder that uses an ID transmission instruction sent from a receiver as a timing signal to generate a transponder clock thereof in

synchronization with the timing signal and that counts the clock. The transmitter has one number stored in a ROM, and compares the clock count with the number stored in the ROM. When a match is found, one-time transmission of unique information to the product is carried out.